NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 08/30/2011

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 06/23/2011

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201106-0648-003
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Emergency Beacon Registrations
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0295
The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 08/31/2014 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	132,510	33,125	20,138
New	186,306	46,576	30,331
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	53,796	13,451	10,193
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Kevin F. Neyland
Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs			
IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Ship Security Alert System Registrations	NA	Ship Security Alert System Registration	
EPIRB registration	NA	EPIRB registration	
Emergency Locator Transmitter	NA	Emergency Locator Transmitter	
Personal Locator Beacon	NA	Personal Locator Beacon	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request
DOC/NOAA/NESDIS

2. OMB control number b. [✔] None
a. 0648 - 0295

3. Type of information collection (*check one*)
a. [ ] New Collection
b. [ ] Revision of a currently approved collection
c. [✔] Extension of a currently approved collection
d. [ ] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
e. [ ] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
f. [ ] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number
For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions

4. Type of review requested (*check one*)
a. [✔] Regular submission
b. [ ] Emergency - Approval requested by / /
c. [ ] Delegated

5. Small entities
Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [ ] Yes [✔] No

6. Requested expiration date
a. [✔] Three years from approval date b. [✔] Other Specify: /

7. Title
Emergency Beacon Registrations

8. Agency form number(s) (*if applicable*) NA

9. Keywords
Satellites, Marine Safety, Aviation Safety

10. Abstract

An international system exists to use satellites to detect and locate ships, aircraft, or individuals in distress if they are equipped with an emergency radio beacon. Persons purchasing such a beacon must register it with NOAA. The data provided in the registration can assist in identifying who is in trouble and suppressing the consequences of false alarms.

11. Affected public (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"*)
a. P Individuals or households d. ___ Farms
b. x Business or other for-profit e. x Federal Government
c. x Not-for-profit institutions f. x State, Local or Tribal Government

12. Obligation to respond (*check one*)
a. [ ] Voluntary
b. [ ] Required to obtain or retain benefits
c. [✔] Mandatory

13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden

a. Number of respondents	186,306
b. Total annual responses	186,306
1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically	63 %
c. Total annual hours requested	46,577
d. Current OMB inventory	33,125
e. Difference	13,452
f. Explanation of difference	
1. Program change	
2. Adjustment	13,452

14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden *(in thousands of dollars)*

a. Total annualized capital/startup costs	0
b. Total annual costs (O&M)	30
c. Total annualized cost requested	30
d. Current OMB inventory	20
e. Difference	10
f. Explanation of difference	
1. Program change	
2. Adjustment	10

15. Purpose of information collection (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"*)
a. ___ Application for benefits e. P Program planning or management
b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research
c. ___ General purpose statistics g. P Regulatory or compliance
d. ___ Audit

16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting *(check all that apply)*
a. [ ] Recordkeeping b. [ ] Third party disclosure
c. [✔] Reporting
1. [✔] On occasion 2. [ ] Weekly 3. [ ] Monthly
4. [ ] Quarterly 5. [ ] Semi-annually 6. [ ] Annually
7. [ ] Biennially 8. [ ] Other (describe) bi annually

17. Statistical methods
Does this information collection employ statistical methods
[ ] Yes [✔] No

18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)
Name: Stephen Roark
Phone: (301) 817-3896

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

(a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;

(b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;

(c) It reduces burden on small entities;

(d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;

(e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;

(f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;

(g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):

(i) Why the information is being collected;

(ii) Use of information;

(iii) Burden estimate;

(iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);

(v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and

(vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;

(h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);

(i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and

(j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee	Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator or head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or Staff Office)	
Signature signed by Christopher O'Connors	Date 06/06/2011
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
Signature signed by Sarah Brabson	Date 06/07/2011

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
EMERGENCY BEACON REGISTRATIONS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0295

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The United States, Canada, France and Russia operate the Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking (COSPAS*/SARSAT), a satellite system with equipment that can detect and locate ships, aircraft and individuals in distress if an emergency radio beacon is being carried. This system is used to detect digitally encoded signals in the 406.000-406.100 MHz range, coming from these emergency beacons. The 406.000-406.100 MHz beacons transmit a unique identifier, making possible the ability to combine previously collected data associated with that beacon and transmit this vital data along with the beacon's position to the appropriate rescue coordination center.

Persons buying 406.000-406.100 MHz emergency radio beacons are required to register them with NOAA prior to installation. These requirements are contained in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations at 47 CFR 80.1061, 47 CFR 87.199 and 47 CFR 95.1402.

The registration data is used to facilitate a rescue and to suppress the costly consequences of false alarms, which if unsuppressed would initiate the launch of a rescue mission and thereby deplete limited resources and possibly result in the loss of lives. This is accomplished through the use of the data provided to the rescue forces from the data base maintained by the NOAA's United States Mission Control Center (USMCC) for Search and Rescue, to verify via a phone call or radio broadcast to the "distressed" element or an alternate party provided in the registration data. Other data provides rescuers with descriptive material of the element in distress. The registration information must be kept up-to-date. Vessel and aircraft owners must notify NOAA if the vessel, aircraft, or beacon changes ownership.

Four registration forms are used. The EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) form is used for nautical beacons. The ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) form is used for aircraft beacons. The PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) is used to register portable beacons carried by individuals. Ship Security Alerting System (SSAS) beacons are carried aboard ships, are similar to EPIRBs and are used in the event of an emergency situation such as piracy or terrorism.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used.

The information is required prior to the date the beacon is expected to be put in service. The information will be entered into the data base within 48 hours of receipt. Verification of the

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information is required on a two (2) year recurring cycle or until the beacon is reported to have been removed from service and deactivated. Currently, approximately 302,612 registrations are active, including approximately 35,000 new registrations in the past year, and the same number of new registrations is expected in each of the next three years.

Each entry is intended to provide rescue forces with information to assist them to either avoid the launch of a rescue mission, as in the case of an unintended beacon activation, sometimes referred to as a false alert, or rapidly and efficiently execute a rescue, whether it be on land or sea. In the case of the PLB, some rather specific questions are asked concerning whether the person plans to use the beacon, while hunting, fishing, or hiking. This information also helps an emergency team to know what to look for in an emergency: someone in the mountains hunting, hurt on a trail, near a stream or lake, etc.

As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Although the information collected is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, results may be used in scientific, management, technical or general informational publications. Should NOAA decide to disseminate the information, it will be subject to the quality control measures and pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

Respondents may either: 1) obtain the forms electronically via the Internet at https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov, download, complete, sign and mail or fax or 2) register directly on the Web site, in which case the signature requirement is waived.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The beacons, for which the FCC has mandated registration with NOAA, are essentially specialized radio transmitters. The information, as collected from the operators of these transmitters, does not exist in its entirety anywhere else but in the NOAA data base maintained by the USMCC. Purchasers are not required by law to complete a beacon manufacturer's owner warranty registration and such registrations, in any case, would not include all purchasers nor necessarily all the vital information required in the mandated registration.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

The collection will not have a significant impact on small entities such as a small businesses, organizations, or government bodies. The burden is already minimal, at 15 minutes per registration.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

The consequences of not having the information could delay the rescue of individuals in danger. Rescues that are delayed could result in the loss of lives. The information provided in the registration forms allow rescue center personnel to rapidly sort out the true or most likely true emergency situations from the non-emergency activations and respond accordingly.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

This collection is consistent with OMB guidelines.

8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice, published on March 30, 2011 (76 FR 17625), solicited public comment on this renewal. No comments were received.

Meetings are held on an annual basis, or more frequently if needed, with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and the beacon manufacturers, in order to ensure all parties' awareness of, or agreement to, program or product changes.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payments or gifts are made.

10. Describe any assurance or confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

No assurance of confidentiality is provided to respondents.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

No sensitive questions are asked.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

The number of annually anticipated new respondents is 35,000. Currently there are 302,612 registrations (including 35,000 new ones in the past year). With renewal required every two years,

we expect half of the currently registered entities to renew each year for the next three years. Thus, each year we estimate 186,306 (151,306 + 35,000) registrations. Based on current registrations, the 186,306 would be composed of this number of registrations for each of the four beacons:

SSAS - 149
EPIRB - 104,952
ELT - 31,600
PLB - 49,605

The average response time per registration is 15 minutes or less. The total annual response time estimated is 46,576 hours (186,306 x 15 minutes/60 minutes). The estimate is based on the time it would take to enter readily available information such as name, address, telephone number, radio call sign, type of vessel/aircraft, etc.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection.

The annualized cost to respondents is $30,331 for postage. Sixty-three per cent of respondents are estimated to submit registration forms electronically. The remaining thirty-seven per cent (68,933) mail or fax the forms, with the average estimated cost of $0.44. The overall average cost per response, including on line submissions, would be $0.16.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

The annualized cost to the Federal government is $274,728:

Data entry and mail handling: $200,000
Mailing envelopes: $6,000
Postage: $61,880
Hardware and expendables: $6,848.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

Adjustments: Previously, 132,510 responses and respondents were counted in the calculations for this collection of information. Based on increased activity in beacon registrations, we are now estimating an additional 53,796 registrations per year. Hours have increased in proportion to the additional responses: an additional 13,451. Total responses per year: 186,306 (new and renewal registrations), total hours per year: 46,576.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

There is no intention to publicly disseminate or publish the information collected. The sole intended purpose for collecting the information is to assist rescue forces to efficiently and effectively carry out their life saving mission.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

N/A.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

There are no exceptions.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

into water from a height of 6 meters (20 feet).

(o) The EPIRB must meet the technical standards when plunged into sea water at +20 degrees Celsius after storage at a temperature of +50 degrees Celsius.

(p) If testing of an EPIRB with Coast Guard coordination is not possible, brief operational tests are authorized provided the tests are conducted within the first five minutes of any hour for not more than 10 seconds.

(q) The EPIRB must automatically turn off after 24 hours ±5 percent. It must be possible to restart the transmission sequence by placing the on-off switch momentarily in the off position and returning it to the on position.

(r) The EPIRB must be equipped with a visual indication of a low battery condition.

(s) The EPIRB must have a designation that indicates it is a "Class C" EPIRB.

[51 FR 31213, Sept. 2, 1986, as amended at 58 FR 33344, June 17, 1993]

§ 80.1059 Special requirements for Class S EPIRB stations.

(a) A Class S EPIRB station must be able to float or be permanently secured to a survival craft.

(b) A Class S EPIRB able to float must meet the following:

(1) Be watertight and float in calm water with at least 5 cm (2 in.) of the EPIRB out of the water and the base of the antenna at least 5 cm (2 in.) above the water, with the antenna in a vertical position completely above the water surface;

(2) Be ballasted to right itself from a position 90 degrees from its upright position in one second or less;

(3) Meet the requirements in § 80.1053 (a)(4) through (9) after free fall into water 3 times from a height of 20 meters (67 ft.).

(c) A Class S EPIRB intended to be permanently secured to a survival craft is not required to float in water.

(d) Additionally, all Class S EPIRB's must meet the following:

(1) Be capable only of manual activation by an on-off switch protected by a guard to prevent inadvertent operation;

(2) Be designed to be deployed, its controls actuated, or its antenna erected, each by a single action task which can be performed by either hand;

(3) Meet the requirements in §§ 80.1053 (a)(4) through (a)(8) and (b) through (i) of this part;

(4) Class S EPIRBs may provide either continuous or intermittent operation. If the EPIRB is designed for intermittent operation, the duty cycle must be from 50 to 60 per cent and the period two minutes plus or minus 12 seconds. In either event, the EPIRB must meet the power output characteristics described in § 80.1053(a)(8) of this part;

(5) If testing of an EPIRB with Coast Guard coordination is not possible, brief operational tests are authorized provided the tests are conducted within the first five minutes of any hour and are not longer than three audio sweeps or one second whichever is longer;

(6) Have a designation that indicates it is a "Class S" EPIRB.

(e) Applications for certification must include a letter from the manufacturer stating that the EPIRB meets the requirements in paragraphs (b) and (d), or (c) and (d) of this section.

[51 FR 31213, Sept. 2, 1986, as amended at 56 FR 11517, Mar. 19, 1991; 63 FR 36607, July 7, 1998]

§ 80.1061 Special requirements for 406.025 MHz EPIRBs.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph (b) of this section, 406.025 MHz EPIRBs must meet all the technical and performance standards contained in the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services document titled "RTCM Recommended Standards for 406 MHz Satellite Emergency Position-Indicating Radiobeacons (EPIRBs)" dated July 31, 1987, with editorial updates of December 31, 1987 (RTCM Recommended Standards). This RTCM document is incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a). The document is available for inspection at Commission headquarters in Washington, DC or may be obtained from the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services, Post Office Box 19087, Washington, DC 20036.

(b) The 406.025 MHz EPIRB must contain as an integral part a "homing"

beacon operating only on 121.500 MHz that meets all the requirements described in the RTCM Recommended Standards document described in paragraph (a) of this section. The 121.500 MHz "homing" beacon must have a continuous duty cycle that may be interrupted during the transmission of the 406.025 MHz signal only. Additionally, at least 30 percent of the total power emitted during any transmission cycle must be contained within plus or minus 30 Hz of the carrier frequency.

(c) Prior to submitting a certification application for a 406 MHz radiobeacon, the radiobeacon must be certified by a test facility recognized by one of the COSPAS/SARSAT Partners that the equipment satisfies the design characteristics associated with the measurement methods described in Appendix B of the RTCM Recommended Standards.

Additionally, the radiobeacon must be certified by a test facility recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard to certify that the equipment complies with the U.S. Coast Guard environmental and operational requirements associated with the test procedures described in Appendix A of the RTCM Recommended Standards. Information regarding the recognized test facilities may be obtained from Commandant (G-MVI), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

(1) After a 406.025 MHz EPIRB has been certified by the recognized test facilities the following information must be submitted in duplicate to the Commandant (G-MVI), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001:

(i) The name of the manufacturer or grantee and model number of the EPIRB;

(ii) Copies of the certificate and test data obtained from the test facility recognized by a COSPAS/SARSAT Partner showing that the radiobeacon complies with the COSPAS/SARSAT design characteristics associated with the measurement methods described in Appendix B of the RTCM Recommended Standards;

(iii) Copies of the test report and test data obtained from the test facility recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard showing that the radiobeacon complies with the U.S. Coast Guard environmental and operational characteristics associated with the measurement methods described in Appendix A of the RTCM Recommended Standards; and

(iv) Instruction manuals associated with the radiobeacon, description of the test characteristics of the radiobeacon including assembly drawings, electrical schematics, description of parts list, specifications of materials and the manufacturer's quality assurance program.

(2) After reviewing the information described in paragraph (c)(1) of this section the U.S. Coast Guard will issue a letter stating whether the radiobeacon satisfies all RTCM Recommended Standards.

(d) A certification application for a 406.025 MHz EPIRB submitted to the Commission must also contain a copy of the U.S. Coast Guard letter that states the radiobeacon satisfies all RTCM Recommended Standards, a copy of the technical test data, and the instruction manual(s).

(e) An identification code, issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the United States Program Manager for the 406.025 MHz COSPAS/SARSAT satellite system, must be programmed in each EPIRB unit to establish a unique identification for each EPIRB station. With each marketable EPIRB unit the manufacturer or grantee must include a postage pre-paid registration card printed with the EPIRB identification code addressed to: NOAA/NESDIS, SARSAT Operations Division, E/SP3, Federal Building 4, Washington, DC 20233. The registration card must request the owner's name, address, telephone number, type of ship, alternate emergency contact and include the following statement: "WARNING—failure to register this EPIRB with NOAA before installation could result in a monetary forfeiture being issued to the owner."

(f) To enhance protection of life and property it is mandatory that each 406.025 MHz EPIRB be registered with NOAA before installation and that information be kept up-to-date. Therefore, in addition to the identification plate or label requirements contained

in §§2.925, 2.926 and 2.1003 of this chapter, each 406.025 MHz EPIRB must be provided on the outside with a clearly discernable permanent plate or label containing the following statement: "The owner of this 406.025 MHz EPIRB must register the NOAA identification code contained on this label with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) whose address is: NOAA, NOAA/SARSAT Operations Division, E/SP3, Federal Building 4, Washington, D.C. 20233." Vessel owners shall advise NOAA in writing upon change of vessel or EPIRB ownership, transfer of EPIRB to another vessel, or any other change in registration information. NOAA will provide registrants with proof of registration and change of registration postcards.

(g) For 406.025 MHz EPIRBs whose identification code can be changed after manufacture, the identification code shown on the plate or label must be easily replaceable using commonly available tools.

[53 FR 37308, Sept. 26, 1988, as amended at 56 FR 11517, Mar. 19, 1991; 59 FR 35269, July 11, 1994; 63 FR 36607, July 7, 1998]

Subpart W—Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)

General Provisions

This subpart contains the rules applicable to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). Every ship of the United States subject to part II of title III of the Communications Act or the Safety Convention must comply with the provisions of this subpart. The rules in this subpart are to be read in conjunction with the applicable requirements contained elsewhere in this part; however, in case of conflict, the provisions of this subpart shall govern with respect to the GMDSS. For the purposes of this subpart, distress and safety communications include distress, urgency, and safety calls and messages.

SOURCE: 57 FR 9065, Mar. 16, 1992, unless otherwise noted.

NOTE: No provision of this subpart is intended to eliminate, or in anyway modify, other requirements contained in this part with respect to part II of title III of the Communications Act.

§80.1065 Applicability.

(a) The regulations contained in §80.1119 apply to public coast stations and coast earth stations as of February 1, 1992.

(b) The regulations contained within this subpart apply to all passenger ships regardless of size and cargo ships of 300 tons gross tonnage and upwards as follows:

(1) Ships must comply with §§80.1085(a)(4) and 80.1085(a)(6) not later than August 1, 1993.

(2) Ships constructed on or after February 1, 1992, must comply with §80.1095 as of that date. All other ships must comply with §80.1095 as of February 1, 1995.

(3) Ships constructed on or after February 1, 1995, must comply with all requirements of this subpart.

(4) Ships constructed before February 1, 1995, must comply with all requirements of this subpart as of February 1, 1999.

(5) During the period between February 1, 1992, and February 1, 1999, all ships must comply with:

(i) The requirements of this subpart;

(ii) The requirements of chapter IV of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, in force prior to February 1, 1992 (see subparts Q and R of this part); or

(iii) The requirements of either §80.836 or §80.933.

(6) The expression "ships constructed" means "ships the keels of which are laid, or construction identificable with a specific ship begins and assembly of that ship has commenced comprising at least 50 tons gross tonnage or 1% of the estimated mass f all structural material, whichever is less.

(c) The requirements of this subpart do not modify the requirements for ships navigated on the Great Lakes or small passenger boats. The requirements contained in the Agreement Between the United States of America and Canada for Promotion of Safety on the Great Lakes by Means of Radio, 1973, continue to apply (see subpart T of this part). The requirements contained in part III of title III of the Communications Act continue to apply (see subpart S of this part).

(b) The frequency 243.000 MHz is an emergency and distress frequency available for use by survival craft stations, ELTs and equipment used for survival purposes which are also equipped to transmit on the frequency 121.500 MHz. Use of 243.000 MHz must be limited to transmission of signals and communications for survival purposes. In the case of ELTs use of A3E, A3X or NON emission is permitted.

[53 FR 28940, Aug. 1, 1988, as amended at 56 FR 11518, Mar. 19, 1991; 58 FR 30128, May 26, 1993]

§ 87.197 ELT test procedures.

ELT testing must avoid outside radiation. Bench and ground tests conducted outside of an RF-shielded enclosure must be conducted with the ELT terminated into a dummy load.

§ 87.199 Special requirements for 406.025 MHz ELTs.

(a) Except for the spurious emission limits specified in §87.139(h), 406.025 MHz ELTs must meet all the technical and performance standards contained in the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics document titled "Minimum Operational Performance Standards 406 MHz Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT)" Document No RTCA/DO–204 dated September 29, 1989. This RTCA document is incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a), and 1 CFR part 51. Copies of the document are available and may be obtained from the Radio Technical Commission of Aeronautics, One McPherson Square, 1425 K Street NW., Washington, DC, 20005. The document is available for inspection at Commission headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Copies may also be inspected at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capital Street NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(b) The 406.025 MHz ELT must contain as an integral part a homing beacon operating only on 121.500 MHz that meets all the requirements described in the RTCA Recommended Standards document described in paragraph (a) of this section. The 121.500 MHz homing beacon must have a continuous duty cycle that may be interrupted during the transmission of the 406.025 MHz signal only.

(c) Prior to verification of a 406.025 MHz ELT, the ELT must be certified by a test facility recognized by one of the COSPAS/SARSAT Partners that the equipment satisfies the design characteristics associated with the COSPAS/SARSAT document COSPAS/SARSAT 406 MHz Distress Beacon Type Approval Standard (C/S T.007). Additionally, an independent test facility must certify that the ELT complies with the electrical and environmental standards associated with the RTCA Recommended Standards.

(d) The procedures for verification are contained in subpart J of part 2 of this chapter.

(e) An identification code, issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the United States Program Manager for the 406.025 MHz COSPAS/SARSAT satellite system, must be programmed in each ELT unit to establish a unique identification for each ELT station. With each marketable ELT unit the manufacturer or grantee must include a postage prepaid registration card printed with the ELT identification code addressed to: NOAA/NESDIS, SARSAT Operations Division, E/SP3, Federal Building 4, Washington, DC 20233. The registration card must request the owner's name, address, telephone number, type of aircraft, alternate emergency contact and include the following statement: "WARNING—failure to register this ELT with NOAA before installation could result in a monetary forfeiture being issued to the owner."

(f) To enhance protection of life and property it is mandatory that each 406.025 MHz ELT must be registered with NOAA before installation and that information be kept up-to-date. In addition to the identification plate or label requirements contained in §§2.925, 2.926 and 2.1003 of this chapter, each 406.025 MHz ELT must be provided on the outside with a clearly discernable permanent plate or label containing the following statement: "The owner of this 406.025 MHz ELT must register the NOAA identification code contained on this label with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) whose address is: NOAA, NOAA/SARSAT Operations Division, E/SP3, Federal Building 4, Washington,

D.C. 20233." Aircraft owners shall advise NOAA in writing upon change of aircraft or ELT ownership, or any other change in registration information. Fleet operators must notify NOAA upon transfer of ELT to another aircraft outside of the owners control, or an other change in registration information. NOAA will provide registrants with proof of registration and change of registration postcards.

(g) For 406.025 MHz ELTs whose identification code can be changed after manufacture, the identification code shown on the plant or label must be easily replaceable using commonly available tools.

[58 FR 30128, May 26, 1993, as amended at 59 FR 35269, July 11, 1994; 63 FR 36608, July 7, 1998; 65 FR 58467, Sept. 29, 2000]

Subpart G—Aeronautical Advisory Stations (Unicoms)

§87.213 Scope of service.

(a) An aeronautical advisory station (unicom) must provide service to any aircraft station upon request and without discrimination. A unicom must provide impartial information concerning available ground services.

(b)(1) Unicom transmissions must be limited to the necessities of safe and expeditious operation of aircraft such as condition of runways, types of fuel available, wind conditions, weather information, dispatching, or other necessary information. At any airport at which a control tower, control tower remote communications outlet station (RCO) or FAA flight service station is located, unicoms must not transmit information pertaining to the conditions of runways, wind conditions, or weather information during the hours of operation of the control tower, RCO or FAA service station.

(2) On a secondary basis, unicoms may transmit communications which pertain to the efficient portal-to-portal transit of an aircraft, such as requests for ground transportation, food or lodging.

(3) Communications between unicoms and air carrier must be limited to the necessities of safety of life and property.

(4) Unicoms may communicate with aeronautical utility stations and ground vehicles concerning runway conditions and safety hazards on the airport when neither a control tower nor FAA flight service station is in operation.

(c) Unicoms must not be used for air traffic control (ATC) purposes other than to relay ATC information between the pilot and air traffic controller. Relaying of ATC information is limited to the following:

(1) Revisions of proposed departure time;

(2) Takeoff, arrival or flight plan cancellation time;

(3) ATC clearances, provided a letter of agreement is obtained from the FAA by the licensee of the unicom.

[53 FR 28940, Aug. 1, 1988, as amended at 55 FR 30464, July 26, 1990]

§87.215 Supplemental eligibility.

(a) A unicom and any associated dispatch or control points must be located on the airport to be served.

(b) Only one unicom will be authorized to operate at an airport which does not have a control tower, RCO or FAA flight service station. At an airport which has a part-time or full-time control tower, RCO or FAA flight service station, the one unicom limitation does not apply and the airport operator and all aviation services organizations may be licensed to operate a unicom on the assigned frequency.

(c) At an airport where only one unicom may be licensed, when the Commission believes that the unicom has been abandoned or has ceased operation, another unicom may be licensed on an interim basis pending final determination of the status of the original unicom. An applicant for an interim license must notify the present licensee and must comply with the notice requirements of paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) An applicant for a unicom license, renewal or modification of frequency assignment at an airport which does not have a control tower, RCO or FAA flight service station must notify in writing the owner of the airport and all aviation service organizations located at the airport. The notice must include the applicant's name and address, the name of the airport and a statement

US Code as of: 01/23/00

Sec. 151. Purposes of chapter; Federal Communications Commission created

For the purpose of regulating interstate and foreign commerce in communication by wire and radio so as to make available, so far as possible, to all the people of the United States, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, a rapid, efficient, Nation-wide, and world-wide wire and radio communication service with adequate facilities at reasonable charges, for the purpose of the national defense, for the purpose of promoting safety of life and property through the use of wire and radio communications, and for the purpose of securing a more effective execution of this policy by centralizing authority heretofore granted by law to several agencies and by granting additional authority with respect to interstate and foreign commerce in wire and radio communication, there is created a commission to be known as the "Federal Communications Commission", which shall be constituted as hereinafter provided, and which shall execute and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

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Official 406 MHz ELT Registration Form

Mail or Fax to:
NOAA/SARSAT
NSOF, E/SP3
4231 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746
Fax No. 301-817-4565

ELT Information

Beacon ID (Unique Identifier Number)

☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐

(15 digit character ID provided by ELT manufacturer)

Checksum ☐☐☐☐☐

Please affix beacon manufacturer's label here.

ELT Manufacturer _____

Model No. _____

Purpose of ELT Registration

☐ New Registration
☐ Renewal of Registration
☐ Change of Ownership
☐ Change of Registration Information
☐ Replacement for a previously registered ELT
Please enter the old unique ID number ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐

Owner/Operator Information

Name _____
(Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP (Postal) Code _____ Country _____

E-mail _____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Aircraft Information

Registration (Tail) Number _____

Usage
☐ Commercial ☐ Non-commercial
☐ Government Military ☐ Government Non-military

Type
☐ Single-engine Propeller ☐ Single-engine Jet ☐ Multi-engine Propeller
☐ Multi-engine Jet ☐ Helicopter ☐ Other _____

Aircraft Manufacturer _____

Model _____ Color _____

Seating Capacity _____

Radio Equipment (Check all that apply)
☐ VHF ☐ MF ☐ HF ☐ SSB ☐ Other _____

Survival Equipment

Deployable _____
Describe and List Quantity

Fixed _____
Describe and List Quantity

Principal Airport _____

_____ _____
City State

Additional Data _____

Emergency Contact Information *(Please indicate someone other than the owner)*

Name of **Primary** 24-Hour Emergency Contact:

_____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Name of **Alternate** 24-Hour Emergency Contact:

_____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Signature _____ Date _____

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Official 406 MHz EPIRB Registration Form

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NOAA/SARSAT
NSOF, E/SP3
4231 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746
Fax No. 301-817-4565

EPIRB Information

Beacon ID (Unique Identifier Number)

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(15 digit character ID provided by EPIRB manufacturer)

Checksum

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Please affix beacon manufacturer's label here.

☐ Category I (Automatic Deployment)
☐ Category II (Manual Deployment)

EPIRB Manufacturer _____

Model No. _____

Purpose of EPIRB Registration

☐ New Registration
☐ Renewal of Registration
☐ Change of Ownership
☐ Change of Registration Information
☐ Replacement for a previously registered EPIRB
Please enter the old unique ID number ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐
☐ Replacement of Decal Only

Owner/Operator Information

Name _____
(Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address _____

_____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP (Postal) Code _____ Country _____

E-mail _____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Vessel Information

Usage: ☐ Commercial ☐ Non-commercial ☐ Government Military ☐ Government Non-military

Type

Sail: Number of Masts _____

Power: ☐ Fishing ☐ Tug ☐ Cargo ☐ Tanker ☐ Pleasure Craft ☐ Other _____

Non-power: ☐ Life Boat ☐ Life Raft ☐ Other _____

Vessel Name _____

Vessel Color _____

Survival Craft(s) on Vessel: Life Boat ____ (No. of) Life Raft ____ (No. of)

Is your EPIRB equipped with a Simplified Voyage Data Recorder (SVDR)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Radio Equipment (Check all that apply)
☐ VHF ☐ MF ☐ HF ☐ SSB ☐ Other _____

Vessel Telephone Numbers

Radio Call Sign _____

Cellular _____ MMSI Number _____

INMARSAT _____

Federal / State Registration Number _____

Length Overall (ft) _____ **Capacity** _____
Crew and Passengers

Homeport _____
Marina/Dock

_____ _____
City State

Additional Data _____

_____

Emergency Contact Information *(Please indicate someone other than the owner)*

Name of **Primary** 24-Hour Emergency Contact:

_____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Name of **Alternate** 24-Hour Emergency Contact:

_____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
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Area Code

Signature _____ Date _____

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4231 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746
Fax No. 301-817-4565

PLB Information

Beacon ID (Unique Identifier Number)

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(15 digit character ID provided by PLB manufacturer)

Checksum

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Please affix beacon manufacturer's label here.

PLB Manufacturer _____

Model No. _____

Purpose of PLB Registration

☐ New Registration
☐ Renewal of Registration
☐ Change of Ownership
☐ Change of Registration Information
☐ Replacement for a previously registered PLB
Please enter the old unique ID number ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐
☐ Replacement of Decal Only

Owner/Operator Information

Name _____
(Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address _____

_____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP (Postal) Code _____ Country _____

E-mail _____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

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Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

General Use Data

Usage

☐ Commercial ☐ Non-commercial ☐ Government Military ☐ Government Non-military

Specific Usage (Please include areas you frequent for recreational use in Additional Data section below)

☐ Hiking ☐ Hunting ☐ Fishing ☐ Other _____

Type (Please include Home Port for Boat or Aircraft in Additional Data section below)

☐ Land Vehicle ☐ Boat ☐ Aircraft ☐ None ☐ Other _____

Additional Data:

_____

_____

_____

Emergency Contact Information *(Please indicate someone other than the owner)*

Name of **Primary** 24-Hour Emergency Contact:

_____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Name of **Alternate** 24-Hour Emergency Contact:

_____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Signature _____ Date _____

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Official 406 MHz Ship Security Alert System (SSAS) Beacon Registration Form

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NSOF, E/SP3
4231 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746
Fax No. 301-817-4565

SSAS Information

Beacon ID (Unique Identifier Number)

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(15 digit character ID provided by SSAS manufacturer)

Checksum

☐☐☐☐☐

Please affix beacon manufacturer's label here.

SSAS Manufacturer _____

Model No. _____

Purpose of SSAS Registration

☐ New Registration
☐ Renewal of Registration
☐ Change of Ownership
☐ Change of Registration Information
☐ Replacement for a previously registered SSAS
Please enter the old unique ID number ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐
☐ Replacement of Decal Only

Owner/Operator Information

Name _____
(Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address _____

_____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP (Postal) Code _____ Country _____

E-mail _____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

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Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Vessel Information

Usage

☐ Commercial ☐ Non-commercial
☐ Government Military ☐ Government Non-military

Type

Sail: Number of Masts _____

Power: ☐ Fishing ☐ Tug ☐ Cargo ☐ Tanker ☐ Pleasure Craft
☐ Other _____

Non-power: ☐ Life Boat ☐ Life Raft ☐ Other _____

Vessel Name _____

Vessel Color _____

Survival Craft(s) on Vessel

Life Boat _____ No. of

Life Raft _____ No. of

Radio Equipment (Check all that apply)

☐ VHF ☐ MF ☐ HF ☐ SSB ☐ Other _____

Vessel Telephone Numbers

Radio Call Sign _____

Cellular _____ MMSI Number _____

INMARSAT _____

Federal / State Registration Number _____

Length Overall (ft) _____ **Capacity** _____
Crew and Passengers

Homeport _____
Marina/Dock

_____ _____
City State

Additional Data _____

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Emergency Contact Information *(Please indicate someone other than the owner)*

Name of **Primary** 24-Hour Emergency Contact:

_____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Name of **Alternate** 24-Hour Emergency Contact:

_____

Telephone

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

( ) _____ ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cellular ☐ Fax ☐ Other
Area Code

Signature _____ Date _____

If you have any questions about this form or with SSAS registration in general, please call 1-888-212-SAVE (7283) or 301-817-4515.
For information on the U.S. Search & Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking system, please visit: www.sarsat.noaa.gov

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Important Notice - *Please Read Before Completing Registration*

Registration is an important facet for all Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz Ship Security Alerting System (SSAS) beacons. Not only is it required under Federal Regulations but the information you furnish is used by the United States Coast Guard in the event of beacon activation. The registration information is an important tool to assist the Coast Guard in locating and responding to your vessel. Failure to register your SSAS beacon may delay a timely response.

There is no charge for registering an SSAS beacon. This is a service provided by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

All online registrations will be entered into the National 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database on the same day of entry. Registration forms received via postal mail service will be entered within 2 business days of receipt. For online registrations, a confirmation letter with your completed registration information form will be sent immediately via e-mail or fax (if provided). Confirmation letters sent via postal mail should arrive within two weeks. Once your registration confirmation is received, please review all information. Any changes or updates to your registration information can be done via the internet, fax, e-mail or postal mail. If you do not receive your registration confirmation from NOAA on the same day you submit it over the internet or within two weeks if you submit it by postal mail, please call NOAA toll-free at: 1-888-212-SAVE (7283) or 301-817-4515 for assistance.

After initial registration (or re-registration) you will receive a NOAA Proof of Registration Decal by postal mail. This decal is **not** to be affixed to the SSAS beacon. Instead, the decal is required to be maintained in the SSAS Annex to the Vessel Security Plan. For those vessels not required to maintain a Vessel Security Plan, please keep the decal on board along with your vessel's registration documentation. If for some reason you do not receive the registration decal within two weeks, please call NOAA toll-free at: 1-888-212-SAVE (7283) or 301-817-4515 for assistance.

Failure to register, re-register (as required every two years), or to notify NOAA of any changes to the status of your SSAS beacon could result in penalties and/or fines being issued. The owner or user of the SSAS beacon is required to notify NOAA of any changes to the registration information at any time. By submitting this registration the owner, operator, or legally authorized agent declares under penalty of law that all information in this registration information is true, accurate, and complete. Providing information that is knowingly false or inaccurate may be punishable under Federal Statutes. Solicitation of this information is authorized by Title 47, Part 80 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the U.S. Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Control Number: 0648-0295. Additional registration forms can be found on the NOAA-SARSAT website at: **www.sarsat.noaa.gov** or at: **www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov**.

Please note, NOAA will complement or update your registration information if your registration is outdated and credible information is provided from other sources. NOAA will also seek information from other databases to update and/or complement the existing information for an expired SSAS registration.

Although the information provided will become a matter of public record, there is no intent to circulate the data furnished beyond its intended purpose, i.e., to assist the Coast Guard in carrying out its mission. Public reporting burden for the collection of this information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden should be sent to:

NOAA/SARSAT
NSOF, E/SP3
4231 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746

Or call: 1-888-212-SAVE (7283) or 301-817-4515

Finally, false alerts are a significant concern to NOAA and the Coast Guard. We ask that you carefully refer to the SSAS beacon user manual for instructions on properly operating, installing, testing, and when performing required maintenance. We find that these are important factors in reducing the number of false alerts. ***Please use the utmost care at all times!***

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Emergency Beacon Registrations

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 31, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Stephen Roark, (301) 817–3896 or *Stephen.Roark@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

An international system exists to use satellites to detect and locate ships, aircraft, or individuals in distress if they are equipped with an emergency radio beacon. Persons purchasing a digital distress beacon, operating in the frequency range of 406.000 to 406.100 MHz, must register it with NOAA. These requirements are contained in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations at 47 CFR 80.1061, 47 CFR 87.199 and 47 CFR 95.1402. The data provided by registration can assist in identifying who is in trouble and in suppressing false alarms.

II. Method of Collection

Paper and online registration is available.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0295.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; State, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 186,306.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 46,576.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $30,330 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 24, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Southeast Data and Review (SEDAR) 26 data webinar for Caribbean Silk snapper, Queen snapper, and Redtail parrotfish.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 26 assessment of Caribbean Silk snapper, Queen snapper, and Redtail parrotfish will consist of a series of workshops and webinars: This notice is for a webinar associated with the Data portion of the SEDAR process. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 26 data webinar will be held April 15, 2011 beginning at 1 p.m. and is expected to last approximately 2 hours. The established time may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the data workshop process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (*See* **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571–4366; e-mail: *Julie.neer@safmc.net.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars and workshops (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and